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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 23rd July 2021. Your request sought information relating to Ophthalmology.

You clarified on 27th July 2021 that you were happy to receive the information from April 2019 onwards. Please note that we have included virtual appointments in our figures.

1. How many new referrals, follow up appointments and treatments or surgeries for all ophthalmology outpatient appointments did Swansea Bay University Health Board receive and deliver between from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2021 (or to the most recent month with complete data), broken down by month and referral/appointment/treatment type?

Please see attached breakdown.

2. How many new referrals, follow up appointments and treatments or surgeries for AMD ophthalmology outpatient appointments did Swansea Bay University Health Board receive and deliver between from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2021 (or the most recent month with complete data), broken down by month and referral/appointment/treatment type?

Please see attached breakdown.

3. How many new referrals, follow up appointments and treatments or surgeries for glaucoma ophthalmology outpatient appointments did Swansea Bay University Health Board receive and deliver between from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2021 (or to the most recent month with complete data), broken down by month and referral/appointment/treatment type?



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Please see attached breakdown.

- 4. How many referrals, subsequent appointments and treatments or surgeries for cataract ophthalmology outpatient appointments did Swansea Bay University Health Board receive and deliver between from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2021 (or the most recent month with complete data), specifically for cataract lens extraction or other intraocular lens insertion, broken down by month and referral/appointment/treatment type?**

Please see attached breakdown.

- 5. How many new referrals, follow up appointments and treatments or surgeries for diabetic retinopathy ophthalmology outpatient appointments did Swansea Bay University Health Board receive and deliver between from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2021 (or to the most recent month with complete data), specifically for laser treatment and/or eye surgery, broken down by month and referral/appointment/treatment type?**

Please see attached breakdown.

- 6. How many referrals, subsequent appointments and treatments or surgeries for 'other' ophthalmology outpatient appointments and surgeries did Swansea Bay University Health Board receive and deliver between from 1 March April to 31 March 2021 (or the most recent month with complete data), broken down by month and referral/appointment/treatment type?**

Please see attached breakdown.

- 7. How many claims or number of patients for anti-VEGF injections did Swansea Bay University Health Board receive and deliver between from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2021 (or the most recent month with complete data), broken down by month and condition (AMD, diabetic retinopathy/diabetic macular oedema, central retinal vein occlusion)?**

You clarified on 23rd July 2021 that by "claims" you mean the number of prescriptions.

Please see attached breakdown.

Where fewer than 5 has been indicated in the attachment we are unable to provide you with the exact number of patients or appointments/referrals as due to the low numbers, there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.



I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the information commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 029 2067 8400.

Yours sincerely



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